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[redacted] DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT SOME LEVEL WITH BULGARIANS, ASSERTING THAT IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR SOFIA AND BELGRADE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE QUICKLY ADDED THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WOULD NOT ENCOMPASS ANY TYPE OF CONCERTED ACTION AGAINST PRESENT GREEK GOVERNMENT.

[redacted] EXPRESSED GENUINE CONCERN REGARDING POSSIBILITIES OF TROUBLE FOR YUGOSLAVIA ON BOTH GREEK AND ALBANIAN BORDERS. [redacted] ALSO INTIMATED THAT YUGOSLAVS HAVE SOME EVIDENCE THAT NEW REGIME IN GREECE MAY HAVE DESIGNS ON ALBANIAN TERRITORY. [redacted] IT WAS SURPRISING TO HEAR HIM GIVE CREDENCE TO ALLEGED SINISTER INTENTIONS AGAINST ALBANIA ON PART OF GOG. IN ANY EVENT, [redacted] SAID THAT POSSIBLE THREAT FROM GREECE HAS PLAYED INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN FORMULATION OF GOY POSITION VIS-A-VIS SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST. THUS, GOY NOW INSISTING THAT ISRAEL BE CONDEMNED AS AGGRESSOR SINCE FAILURE TO DEPRIVE ISRAEL OF FRUITS OF AGGRESSION MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO UNDERTAKE SIMILAR MOVES AGAINST TERRITORIES OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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